



Press Advisory

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Green Building Conference Will Showcase EPA's New Research Facility Under Construction

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new research facility under construction is one of five building projects in the United States that will be showcased at the Green Building Challenge '98 conference Oct. 26-28 in Vancouver, Canada. The Green Building Challenge is the first ever international benchmarking effort to develop methods for assessing the environmental performance of buildings. Some 24 projects from 14 countries are participating in the assessment.

The U.S. team, led by the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment, also includes the Durant Middle School in Wake County. In addition to two Triangle area buildings being represented at the conference, the co-leader of the U.S. team is Gail Lindsey, an architect in Wake Forest, who is also 1998 chairman of the American Institute of Architects National Committee on the Environment.

Participants underwent two years of extensive evaluation of their construction practices and building design. The research and analysis of the buildings for the Green Building Challenge will be used to set a new world standard for the development and construction of more energy-efficient and environmentally responsible buildings. The conference, co-sponsored by 25 governmental, professional, academic and business organizations, is the culmination of the evaluation process.

The EPA's 1.2 million-square-foot campus under construction will bring together 2,200 employees now spread out throughout the Triangle at 11 locations. The EPA has worked to address environmental issues including protection of plants, air and water; cost-effective energy and water conservation; pollution prevention during construction and the life of the building and indoor environmental quality.

For more information, contact Chris Long, program manager of the new EPA campus, 919-541-0249. Gail Lindsey, co-leader of the U.S. team for Green Building Challenge '98 can be reached at 919-562-7085. Photo opportunities of the construction of the EPA facility in Research Triangle Park can be arranged.

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